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1. NORWEGIAN WHALING IS REGULATED BY THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES WHICH ISSUES CATCHING PERMITS, STIPULATES CATCH QUOTAS, DEFINES SEA AREAS WHERE CATCHING IS PERMITTED, DECIDEY THE LENGTH OF THE CATCHING SEASON, ETC. ACCORDING TO DR. AAGE JONSGAARD OF THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL INSITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OSLO, NORWEGIAN REGULATION OF WHALING OPERATIONS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION'S (IWC) RECOMMENDATIONS AND NORWEGIAN REGULATIONS ARE TO SOME EXTENT STRICTER THAN THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE IWC. THE NORWEGIAN WHALING SEASON IS THUS LIMITED TO TWO MONTHS VERSUS SIX MONTHS RECOMMENDED BY THE IWC.

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2. NORWEGIAN WHALING IS LIMITED TO DEFINED AREAS IN THE

NORWEGIAN SEA AND IN THE BARENTS SEA. THE WHALERS ARE SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED FISHING VESSELS, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE OPERATED BY THEIR OWNERS. IN 1974 THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES ISSUED A TOTAL OF 100 WHALING CONCESSIONS, BUT ONLY 86 OF THE CONCESSIONS WERE USED. THE NUMBER OF CONCESSIONS FOR THE 1975 SEASON IS 90. EACH WHALING VESSEL IS ALLOTTED A TOTAL CATCH QUOTA OF 70 METRIC TONS FOR THE SEASON. THE 1974 CATCH AMOUNTED TO 1,827 WHALES, 1,820 OF WHICH WERE "MINKE" WHALES (BALAENOPTERA ACUTOROSTRATA). TOTAL CALCULATED TONNAGE WAS 3,542 TONS. THE BULK OF THE WHALE MEAT (2,649 TONS) WAS MARKETED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

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